

5379. ASTRAGALUS CRASSICARPA.**Ground plum.**

From Kerrsville, Tex. Presented by Mr. E. K. Carr, August 13, 1900.

This is a perennial legume, which grows throughout the entire prairie region. It is well known on account of its fleshy plums or pods, which are produced in the greatest abundance during the early spring months. The forage is rich and is relished by all kinds of stock. There are several closely related species, which are all equally useful, and an effort should be made to prevent their complete extermination, at least until something equally good is found to take their places. Distributed.

5380. TRITICUM DURUM.**Wheat.**

From Mustapha-Alger, Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, August 14, 1900.

*Pellissier.***5381. HEVEA PAUCIFLORA.****Rubber.**

From Georgetown, British Guiana. Presented by Prof. J. B. Harrison, through Dr. H. W. Wiley, Chemist. Received August 15, 1900. Distributed.

5382. HEVEA CONFUSA.**Rubber.**

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5383. PHYSALIS VIOLACEA.

From Los Angeles, Cal. Presented by Mr. Elmer Stearns, August 24, 1900.

"Various species of *Physalis* are always to be seen in the Mexican markets. The fruits are called 'tomatoes' and are used to make a dressing for meats, etc., or are combined with red peppers to make a chili sauce." (*Rose.*) Distributed.

5384-5392.

From Mount Lindhurst, South Australia. Received August 28, 1900.

A collection of seeds of some of the native forage plants of this region, secured by Mr. Max Koch.

5384. *CLIANTHUS DAMPIERI.***Sturt's desert pea.**5385. *ACACIA CIBARIA.* Distributed.**Mulga.**5386. *POLYCALYMNIA STURTIL.*5387. *LAVATERA PLEBEIA.***Marshmallow.**5388. *TRIGONELLA SUAVISSIMA.***Scented clover.**5389. *ERODIUM CYGNORUM.***Geranium.**5390. *GOSSYPIUM STURTIL.*5391. *HELIPTERUM POLYGALIFOLIUM.*5392. *KOCHIA SEDIFOLIA.***Bluebush.****5393. NICOTIANA TABACUM.****Tobacco.**

From Cuba. Received August 23, 1900.

*True Havana.***5394-5457.**

From Calcutta, India. A collection of seeds of Indian economic plants presented by Prof. D. Prain, Superintendent Royal Botanic Garden. Received August 30, 1900.

5394. *ÆSCHYNOMUM CANNABINA.*5395. *AMARANTHUS POLYGAMUS.* Distributed.**Amaranth.**5396. *ANETHUM SATIVA.* Distributed.**Fennel.**